

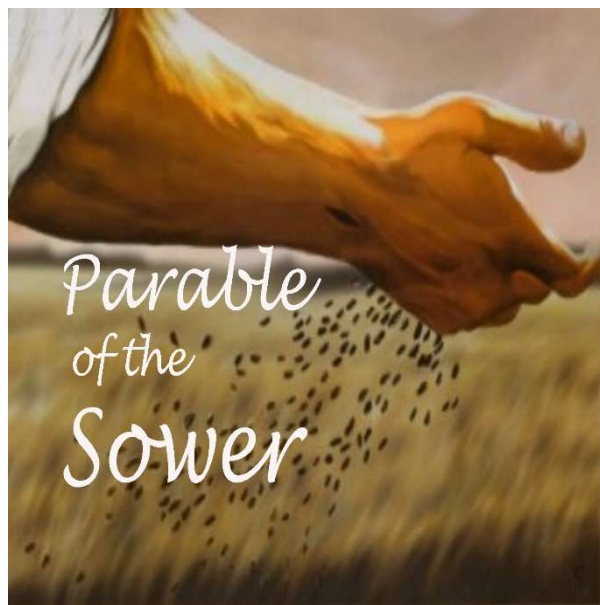
THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

LISTENING TO THE SOUND OF LOVE

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Jesus leaves the house (church) where the converted are gathered, and goes to sea. He is looking for fish, and they arrive in large numbers. So, Jesus, who likes to fish for people, begins to teach from a boat.



Jesus teaches many things using Parables, which are a soup mix of conventional knowledge and spiritual wisdom. He draws on what is already familiar, what people know best. But Parables are not just stories. They make demands on those who listen to them. They might draw on farming, legal situations, family conflicts and weather etc, but there is always something about them which is a little strange. Today's Gospel Reading is a great example of this strangeness. It's a farming Parable, but it's not about a careful farmer. This one is wild and reckless and yet, the yield abundant. This is a clue that the listener is being invited to go deeper. The invitation, 'Let anyone with ears listen!' means the Parable is over and the struggle to understand it has begun.

For many reasons, some people get the Parables and some don't. The spiritual teacher helps the disciple to move towards a deeper understanding and a new awareness. But not everyone wants to be helped. Some harden their hearts against the deeper meanings in the Parable for fear that a new and higher consciousness might demand a change in lifestyle. Against such as these, even the Divine Teacher is powerless.

It has been said that there are basically two kinds of teachers; those who love teaching and those who love their students. Those who love teaching are never short of words, details and explanations. They make objections with one breath and answer them in the next. They can often be funny and charming individuals who really like the sound of their own voice. They will take questions but only because it gives them a chance to talk more!

Those who love the students talk less and listen more. They are too busy feeling for the student's level of understanding, for blocks to their advancement, for paths that may be taken and paths that may be avoided. They are experts in knowing the person who sits beside them. They see what is needed but they do not say it out loud. What they say is said only to support the student to discover the next step. The teacher who loves the student provides the right conditions for an inner revelation. If they can follow the clues, they will come to know for themselves and not be overly dependent on the insights of others. Good Parents are especially good at this.

When Jesus tells Parables, He is clearly a spiritual teacher who loves His disciples. The Parables do not give up their secrets too easily. They invite a wrestling match. They are not just information. They require engagement. But for Saint Matthew there is a third Person in the ring. The Holy Spirit is working from the inside out to 'reveal these things to us?' And the reason we know that Jesus is the kind of Teacher who loves his disciples is that He powerfully introduces them to the presence of God in the depth of their own being.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	15 th	6.00pm	Mass	Tommy McGrath, RIP
Sunday	16 th	8.30am	Mass	Molly Daley
		10.30am	Mass	Odunton Family - Thanksgiving
		2.30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Monday	17 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
Wednesday	19 th	9.30am	Mass	Rita McGovern, RIP
Thursday	20 th	9.15am	Mass	Seamus Tiernon, RIP
		St Margaret Clitherow School Leavers Mass at the School		
Friday	21 st	9.15am	Mass	Kenny Carpy, RIP
		St Joseph's School Leavers Mass at the School		

ST MARY MAGDALEN, Feast

Saturday	22 nd	10.00am	Mass	Russell Evans, RIP
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	22 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Molly and Christy Campbell, RIP
Sunday	23 rd	8.30am	Mass	Socarro Barretto, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Helen Considine, RIP



Tuesday to Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer; **Thursday:** After Mass Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help, 10.15 am Mother's Prayers; **Saturday:** 9.30am Rosary, 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary and Confessions every Saturday at 10.45am or by prior appointment.

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PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than midday on Wednesdays.



CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL/NEW – The 2017/2018 car park renewal and new subscription forms are available in the narthex. The new subscription period is from 1 July 2017 until 30 June 2018.

If you have a **Disability Blue Badge** please bring it with your subscription form.



CAFOD PORTSMOUTH HARVEST BRIEFING – Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on **Thursday 7 September 2017** from 7.30pm to 9pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB to hear more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus of Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

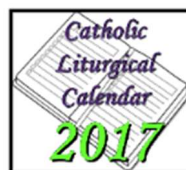


SAINSBURY'S FOOD DONATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: We are now officially a **Sainsbury's Food Donation Partner** for the front of store in Princess Square. The donations are available to us all year to help those in need, not only in the Night Shelter, but also individuals and families supported by SVP and the Bracknell Life House, etc. If you would like to join the team of donation collectors, please contact Liz in the Parish Office.

BEWARE: LIGHTING CANDLES – Adults must accompany all children at the candle trays when lighting candles. Please ensure your children do not play around the candle trays, in the sand or with the lighted candles. Care must be taken when reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc. It is important to remember that they can be the cause of major fires and serious injuries if not used correctly.



PARISH CENSUS - A reminder to complete the parish census either online on our parish or using a paper copy which can be found in the narthex. Please return paper copies in an envelope to the parish office. www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-census-form.html



LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JULY:

3rd St Thomas; 11th St Benedict;
15th St Swithun; 17th St Bonaventure;
22nd St Mary Magdalene; 25th St James;
26th Ss Joachim & Anne; 29th St Martha;
31st St Ignatius of Loyola

GOSPEL CHALLENGE - Monday 24 July 2017 at 86 Qualitas, Bracknell.

KEEP FIT OVER 50's CLUB – Closed until new school term in September.

TODDLER GROUP – Closed from Tuesday 25 July until new school term in September.

PRAYER GROUPS – Evening Group: 1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30pm Hall. Day Group: 1st/3rd Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.30am Hall.

SOUP & ROLL – No soup and roll from 21 July to 8 September inclusive.

YOUTH GROUP – Closed from Friday 21 July until new school term in September.



LAST WEEK'S MASS OFFERINGS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY: Total amount £1,520.92. **2nd Offering Apostleship of the Sea £199.18.** Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph". **Gift Aid envelopes and bankers/standing order forms available in the porch.**

**We pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community
and for those who care for them.**

Sick and Housebound:

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Adrian Sweeney, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper, Lilijan Rodenburg, Josephine & Maurice Timms, Andrea Brown, Robert Mulcahy, Mary Carpenter, Mary King,

Those who are unwell or in hospital:

Una Mair, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Maria Bishop, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Serafina Delmundo, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Allan James, Nicholas Powell, Peggy O'Sullivan, Caroline Nirmalan, Kathleen Brosnan, Jackie Shaw, Blanche Shap, Thelma Briggs, Emma Flavelle. John Richardson, Mike Garnham, Primula Maynard, Ethna Sweeney.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY – Baby Ava Louise Nordbrink who is being baptised on **Sunday 16 July 2017** at 12 noon. Please pray for Ava and her parents Michael and Louise.



SAFEGUARDING - Please note all volunteer ministries require some form of Safeguarding training to be undertaken prior to undertaking the role you have chosen to do. Full safeguarding training is required as a starting point for anyone who is undertaking a ministry related to **children or vulnerable adults**. A significant number of people who attended training in St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow in 2014 will now be required to update their training in line with the diocesan guidelines to keep both themselves and those they minister safe. **Full Vulnerable adults** training will be held in the parish in the autumn Sept/Oct 2017 if you are not able to attend any of the training which is scheduled on the diocesan website.



SCHOOL LEAVERS' MASSES – The St Margaret Clitherow School Leavers Mass is on **Thursday 20 July 2017** at 9.15am at the School, this replaces the usual 9.30am Mass. The St Joseph's School Leavers Mass is on **Friday 21 July 2017** at 9.15am at the School, this replaces the usual 11.00am Exposition and 12.10pm Mass. All are welcome to join the children at their Masses.



First aid

ARE YOU A FIRST AIDER AT WORK? – Would you be willing to join our new teams of First Aiders for each of the weekend Masses, if so please contact the Parish Office with your details for this most important and rewarding ministry.



ARE YOU A FIRE MARSHALL AT WORK? – Would you be willing to join our new teams of Fire Marshalls for each of the weekend Masses, if so please contact the Parish Office with your details for this most important and rewarding ministry.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - The next Chaplet will be on **Sunday 16 July 2017** at 2.30pm.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – We hope to take a group from our parish to join the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Friday 18th - Friday 25th August 2017** and is led by Bishop Philip. For information contact the parish office or visit <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/>



Alton Day Of Renewal

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – **Saturday 22 July 2017**, 11.00am to 4.00pm. You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit, at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass celebrated by Fr Laurence Brassill; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "Gifts of Healings" by Pauline Edwards and Fr Laurence Brassill 3.30 Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs).

For more information and directions, telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747 or website www.altonrenewal.com



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS - The Life in the Spirit Seminars will be every Tuesday evening from **Tuesday 26 September 2017** until **Tuesday 7th November 2017**. Please can you take time to put it into your diary or on your calendar to save the dates for this amazing experience.

Please read below feedback from parishioners and visitors who attended the Seminar in 2014.

"They made me re-examine my life and commit myself to the Holy Spirit I received a long time ago in Baptism & Confirmation"

"More encouraged, greater zeal to spread the Good News & hope more parishes will run the seminars like this one"